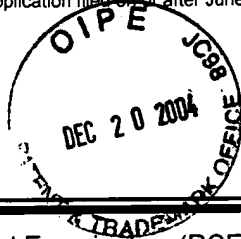


REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53 (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar 20, 2000) 1233 Off. Gazette Pat Office (April 11, 2000) which established RCE practice.

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- a. ☒ Previously submitted:
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on: July 20, 2004
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other: Petition for Extension of Time

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Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of Action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (period shall not exceed three months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

Fees

- a. ☒ Check in the amount of \$1,240.00 is enclosed. 12/21/2004 SSESHE1 00000059 09050113
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- ii. ☒ Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) - (\$450.00)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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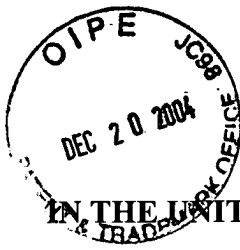
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